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Subject: Fwd: Quick download on Hood River funders meeting

Lots happening at warm springs, FYI on the latest

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Great download Rick. Thank you.

Safe travels.

From: Green, Richard
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Joe,

Hi. Here's my quick take on today's funding meeting at Warm Springs.

1. **Boil water situation:** the several Pressure Reducing Valves (PRVs) in the WS water system distribution failed due to combination of age and lack of maintenance. PRVs are used to reduce water pressure when it is transmitted from a reservoir on a hill to a town at a lower elevation, so that water pressure in the downtown distribution system is not too high. Because they failed, the high water pressure has stressed the Tribe's already deteriorating water distribution system, resulting in the recent line break under Shitike Creek. After discussing the Tribe's WW, DW, solid waste, and housing needs for most of the day, a few of us had a 30 minute post meeting meeting, during which we learned (in 5 minutes) that between the tribe and HUD, sufficient funding exists to address these two priority issues within the next couple of weeks. The current plan is to just replace the PRVs with new ones and slipline the broken section of pipe under the creek. That's the short term solution while a longer term fix is figured out.

2. **Tribal capacity:** The tribe has one grant writer, Bruce, **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** So that's a likely need, either an assistant for Bruce, or someone who can train and then take over for him. The current COO, Alyssa, who did most of the talking about the drinking water issues, is amazing. She has a good grasp of the gravity of their situation, and what needs to be done. That includes metering, charging fees, figuring out where leaks are and fixing them, etc. But the three WW and DW operators seem stretched pretty thin. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
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3. **Tribal council:** I haven't attended city council meetings where the public works director had to explain system needs and priorities to city council members before. So maybe what I saw is fairly typical. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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Our role going forward: **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** and that was true. So I think our primary role should be three-fold:

- a. **Compliance.** Keep the pressure on them to comply with the recent DW order, and the less recent WW order, and see what help our RCRA folks can provide to help with non-Tribal folks dumping who knows what into their landfill.
- b. **Technical assistance.** Continue the key DW Tribal DI team work with WS, making sure they know what to do to comply with the DW order. Provide similar assistance on the WW side. Continue our coordination with IHS – the Tribe seemed to hold them in the highest regard of all of the agencies. Also encourage and facilitate WS access to RCAC technical assistance, and if the state is willing to provide (and the Tribe is willing to accept) OHA, IFA, and DEQ technical assistance.
- c. **Funding.** Oregon uses the DWSRF to fund a small grant program (max \$20k per recipient), so things like rate setting, water leak testing, project planning, etc.. So I steered them to that. In addition we have the WIIN grant Section 2104 Small/Disadvantaged Communities grants starting up very soon. There's a separate very small pot for Tribes/ANV in Region 10, so that's one option. Plus, they'd also be eligible to apply for the ~\$550,000 that we'll be giving to Oregon for the same purpose, because they're a PWS located in the state of Oregon, they serve less than 10,000 and they're disadvantaged. Dave Emme agreed that this is the likeliest best fit for them, either the tribal or state Section 2104 funds, or possibly the small DWSRF grant program

Thanks.

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